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Applicant : Edwin A. Suominen Patent No. : 7,116,963
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Filing Date : August 25, 2003
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.322 and MPEP 1480.01, applicant respectfully requests expedited issuance of a Certificate of Correction for a mistake incurred through the fault of the office in the patent referenced above. Enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/44 containing the proposed Certificate.

In accordance with the requirements of MPEP 1480.01, this Request is accompanied by portions of the application file of this patent showing that the error is attributable solely to the Office. Pages 1, 3, and 5 are enclosed from Applicant's Response to Office Action dated May 3, 2006, along with the Notice of Allowability "responsive to the Amendment filed 5/3/06."

Page 3 of the Response contains the final amendment to what was claim 7 and issued as claim 3. As shown, the preamble should read "A tuning method comprising:".

Page 5 of the Response contains the final amendment to what was claim 14 and issued as claim 6. As shown, the preamble should read "Apparatus for tuning, from a channelized spectrum having a predetermined channel spacing, a channel of interest, the apparatus comprising:".

Applicant also notes that claim 26 as issued has a spurious line break between the words "upper" and "high" in part (d), at C23/L56. It is clearly understood,

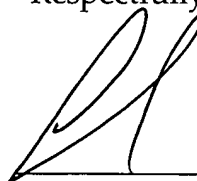
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however, that the text from C23/L52-60 is all part of the claim's part (d), and formal correction is not required.

A Form PTO/SB/123 (copy enclosed) is being filed under separate cover notifying the Office of a change in the correspondence address for this patent. Please direct correspondence concerning the requested Certificate of Correction to the new address, as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the claims, column 20, line 53, should read as follows: "3. A tuning method comprising:".

In the claims, column 21, line 25, should read as follows: "6. Apparatus for tuning, from a channelized spectrum having".

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

- Amendments to the Claims reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks beginning on page 23 of this paper.

A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is enclosed. Also enclosed is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment of \$330 to cover the large-entity fees for the Terminal Disclaimer (\$130) and a fourteenth independent claim now pending (\$200), one more than the thirteen already paid for.

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Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising coarse-tuning the local oscillator signal by one local oscillator step from the first frequency to a second frequency an integral number of channel spacings from the first frequency.

Claims 5-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~The A tuning method of claim 1 further comprising:~~

- (a) mixing a channel of interest from a channelized spectrum having a predetermined channel spacing with a first local oscillator signal;
- (b) mixing the channel of interest with a second local oscillator signal having the first frequency and being approximately in quadrature with the first local oscillator signal;
- (c) wherein the first local oscillator signal has a first frequency that is (1) one-half of a channel spacing displaced from an integer multiple of the channel spacing, and (2) selected to frequency translate the channel of interest to within a passband whose lower edge is spaced from DC by about the channel spacing and whose width is about the channel spacing.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended) ~~The A tuning method of claim 1 wherein comprising:~~

- (a) mixing a channel of interest from a channelized spectrum having a predetermined channel spacing with a first local oscillator signal;

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Claims 12-13 (canceled)

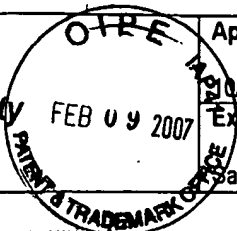
Claim 14 (currently amended) ~~The A[a]pparatus of claim 13~~ for tuning, from a channelized spectrum having a predetermined channel spacing, a channel of interest, the apparatus further comprising:

- (a) a local oscillator configured to generate a local oscillator signal at a first frequency that is one-half of the channel spacing displaced from an integer multiple of the channel spacing; and
- (b) a mixer responsive to the local oscillator signal and the channel of interest, wherein the mixer frequency translates the channel of interest;
- (c) a second local oscillator configured to generate a second local oscillator signal having the first frequency and being approximately in quadrature with the first local oscillator signal; and
- ~~(b)~~ (d) a second mixer responsive to the second local oscillator signal and the channel of interest, wherein: (1) the channel of interest lies within one of an upper high frequency spectrum of interest and a lower high frequency spectrum of interest; and (2) the apparatus provides spectrum coverage within one of the high frequency spectra of interest and not the other;
- (e) the frequency-translated channel of interest falls within a passband that is about a channel spacing wide and that is spaced from DC by a frequency offset of about the channel spacing; and

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Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 5/3/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17-23, 25-30, 33-39, 41, 44, 46, 47, 49-53, 59-61, 63, 65, 69, 70, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 82, 85, 88, 89 and 136-155.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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